

I strongly urge you to deny BellSouth's petition that requests that the FCC stop regulation of broadband. Such an action would very likely destroy small Internet providers and force customers to turn to the few large national companies, as we must for cable television service.

For many reasons, I find locally-based community companies provide far more efficient service that fulfills my business and personal needs. I do not want, at any point, to have this choice taken away from me. It seems very much in the spirit of America and thus the FCC to protect small local businesses from the devouring competition of enormous national vendors.

With this local provider I use, I have ready access to solving technical problems and I can use the internet for research without a deluge of advertisements and various other aggressive and superfluous distractions that are ubiquitous with national providers. In addition, I am supporting my community and its unique character, a value I told very important. I do not want this way of life to vanish. That the price would increase with such an action seems inevitable. Since deregulation of cable, I have seen my cable service nearly triple at the same time its quality has deteriorated beyond acceptability.

Please, deny this petition and all others like it.